

Married Housing Recreation Hall

Herrick Archives Building 834

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

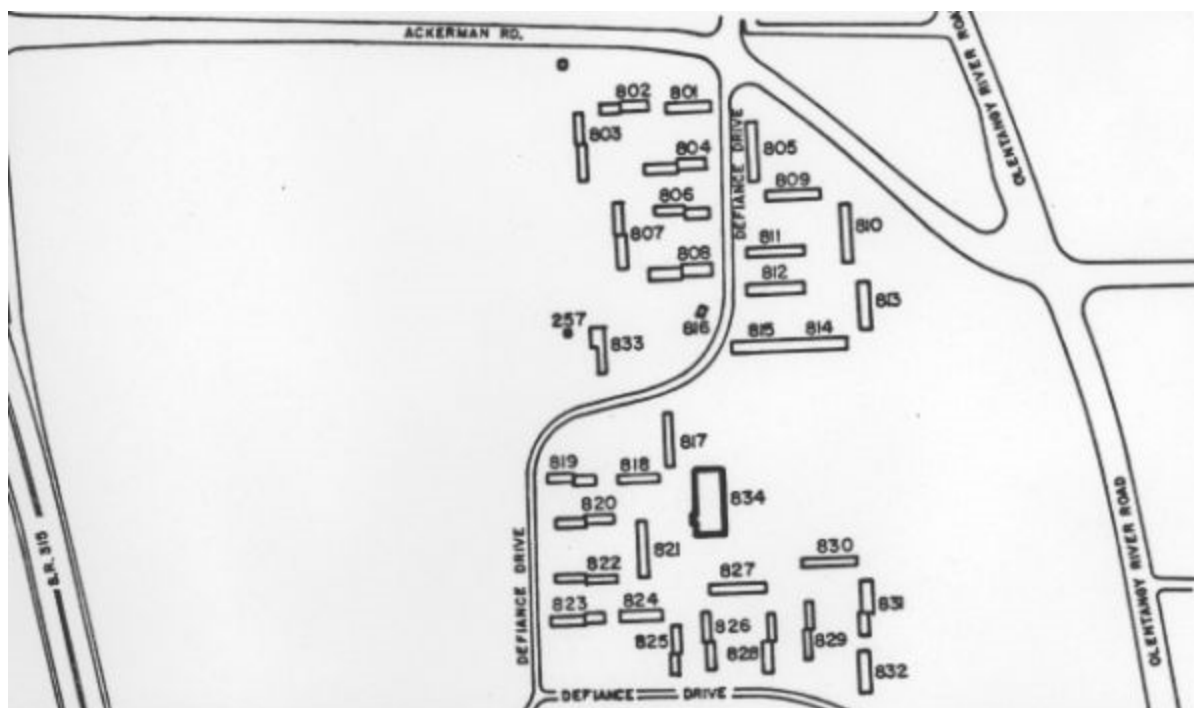
1.2 Alternate names noted:

Built as "Community Building, Veterans Educational Facilities." Referred to as Community Building, Social Hall, or Recreation Hall preceded by Married Housing, Married Student Housing, Buckeye Village, or River Road Housing.

2. Location

2.1 Located at 2704 Defiance Drive. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 21 and 32 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives. See June 1974 revision of Sheet 32 for reduced size of building after 1973 fire.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

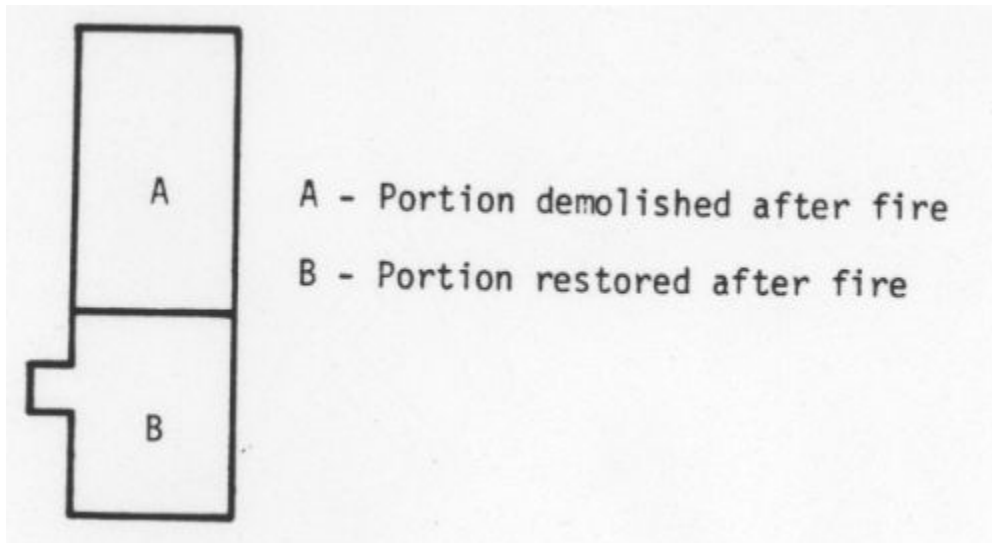
Wood frame and skin at time of erection. Aluminum siding added later.

3.2 No. of stories:

North end, which later burned, was two stories, or rather one very high story with ample mezzanine at the second floor level. The portion now remaining is only one story. No basement under either part.

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions. Reduced by fire on February 6, 1973. See sketch.



3.4 Area of building, prior to 1973 fire, as shown in inventory records of Office of Campus Planning:

13,303 sq. ft. gross; 11,190 sq. ft. net assignable

Area of building after reconstruction following the 1973 fire:

3,941 sq. ft. gross; 3,264 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 2

3.5 Volume of building:

196,172 cubic feet, prior to fire (PP). No later calculation has been made.

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. This building was brought to campus from the Richmond Indiana Army Air Base and re-erected on campus to serve as the Community Building for the 400 units of temporary housing for married students (Building H 458). Specifications for its erection were prepared by Howard Dwight Smith, University Architect, in June 1947. It was part of F.W.A. B.C.F. Project Ohio 33-V-5, Veteran's Education Facilities, No. III.

2. Beginning of work:

2.1 The Lantern on August 7, 1947 stated that the building was under construction.

3. Completion and occupancy:

3.1 The Lantern again stated on October 13, 1947 that the building was under construction. Presumably, therefore, it was not yet completed.

3.2 The Housing Office report for 1964-65, prepared by then Assistant Dean of Men Milton Overholt, stated that the building was erected in 1947. This mayor may not imply completion by December 31.

3.3 The Lantern stated on February 4, 1948 that the building could not be put into use until construction was completed on new apartments and roads (Report H 458) and on May 25, 1948 that its use was still held up by lack of roads.

3.4 The first 152 apartments were completed and ready for use by August 1947 and the remainder by July 1948. (See Report H 458)

3.5 It seem reasonable to conclude, therefore, that construction was completed or substantially completed during the last half of 1947 and that first occupancy occurred by mid-1948.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

Original building: X7919, X7920

Restored building: XI2952, XI2953

2. Other:

L 10/5/73 - rebuilding underway.

Columbus Sunday Dispatch Magazine, January 13, 1952, p8.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

This building was constructed in 1947 as part of the temporary married student housing (H 458) and was retained when the new married student housing units were built (801/33).

The building was gutted by fire on February 6, 1973 and boarded up. The residents voted on July 6, 1973 to raze the north end of the damaged building and restore the south end (L 10/5/73).

Demolition of the north end was completed the first week of the Autumn Quarter of 1973, according to Milton Overholt.

John H. Herrick
February 26, 1975

ADDENDUM NO. 1

This building was a war surplus building erected on the campus as a temporary building after World War II.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 2,607 square feet.

John H. Herrick
November 13, 1984